



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, July 20, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-3722)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-3721)

Call to Order. (16-3557)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the July 13, 2016 Minutes. (16-3558)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Percy Duran III and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (16-3559)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of June 2016.

There were a total of 15 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls and a total of 4 Outreach visits to the following facilities:

- **Dangerfield (73rd Street Site)**
- **Project Six - The Help Group**
- **South Bay Bright Future (All 3 sites)**
- **Orange County Children's Foundation (3 sites)**

- 3. Internal Services Department (ISD). (16-3560)**

There was no representative present to report.

- 4. Department of Mental Health (DMH). (16-3561)**

Mr. Bart Callender, DMH, Residential/TBS Program Administration, provided the Commission with a brief summary on DMH's involvement with the Board of Supervisors June 14, 2016 agenda items 41-45.

- 5. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (16-3562)**

Ms. Rhonda David-Shirley, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management Division, reported that during the month of June 2016 there were a total of 1529 Absent Without Leave (AWOLS) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 20 referrals in the following categories:

- **10 Physical Abuse (PA)**
- **5 Sexual Abuse (SA)**
- **3 General Neglect (GN)**
- **2 Emotional Abuse (EA)**

There were a total of 22 referrals closed in June 2016:

- **3 GN**
- **12 PA**
- **6 SA**
- **1 Severe Neglect (SN)**

Investigation results of closed referrals:

- 7 Evaluated Out
- 6 Inconclusive
- 7 Unfounded
- 2 Not investigative

Ms. David-Shirley also reported that Olive Crest Group Home was placed on hold on July 15, 2016.

6. Probation Department (PD). (16-3563)

Ms. Pamela Pease, PD, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, provided the status of group home AWOLs for June 2016 as follows:

There were 111 AWOLs involving 105 youth:

- 54 Remain AWOL
- 42 Returned to group homes
- 15 Placed in Juvenile Hall

Ms. Pease also provided the Commission with detailed monthly status reports of group home AWOLs during the month of June 2016.

7. Sheriff's Department (SD). (16-3564)

There was no representative present to report.

8. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (16-3565)

Ms. Barbara Phillips, OIG, Monitor, informed the Commission that she will forward the SBC's inquiries to Commander Romero for follow up and possible action.

9. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-3567)

There was no report presented.

10. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-3568)

There was no report presented.

11. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 14, 2016 to June 19, 2016. (16-3570)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were

reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- Alhambra Courthouse (Commonwealth, Alhambra, CA) on July 7, 2016.
- Hathaway Sycamore Children and Family Services HR office (DeLacey Ave, Pasadena, CA) on July 19, 2016.

Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility - Units 151, 152, Inmate Reception Center and Community Transition Unit (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on July 18, 2016.

Commissioner Zhen visited:

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility - Inmate Reception Center (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on July 13, 2016.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-3571)

The following item was introduced for discussion and is to be placed on the August 3, 2016 meeting agenda:

- Discussion and appropriate action on drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Community Transition Unit.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-3572)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of July 20, 2016. (16-3573)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of July 20, 2016 at 12:03 p.m.